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LISBON FOR DAVIS

1. (LOU) "FRIDAY REPORT". PREPARED FOR A/S WEEKLY  
MEETING. FOLLOWS. SOME OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN  
THE REPORT IS SENSITIVE, DEALING WITH INTERAGENCY MATTERS  
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A/S MOOSE RETURNED TO THE AF BUREAU ON MONDAY AFTER A WEEK OF HOLIDAY R-AND-R. SEVERAL MEETINGS WERE HELD THIS WEEK TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRAVEL IN THE NEW YEAR.

TODAY, MR. MOOSE ATTENDED THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S FIRST MAJOR BRIEFING ON ITS NEW "BIG EMERGING MARKETS" STRATEGY HELD BY SECRETARY RON BROWN. LATER IN THE MORNING, A/S MOOSE CHAIRED AN INTERAGENCY MEETING WHERE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO LIBERIA, TREVOR GORDON-SOMERS, GAVE A SYNOPSIS OF EVENTS IN LIBERIA. MR. GORDON-SOMERS. PRESENTATION ALSO INCLUDED A REVIEW OF THE UN'S WISH LIST OF DONOR SUPPORT AND ITEMS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE MOBILIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PEACEKEEPERS TO ECOMOG.

ON THURSDAY, A/S MOOSE ATTENDED THE WEEKLY MEETING OF THE SOMALIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. ON WEDNESDAY MR. MOOSE MET WITH CARL WARE AND PERCY WILSON OF COCA-COLA INTERNATIONAL TO DISCUSS COKE'S REENTRY INTO SOUTH AFRICA AND ITS INTENTIONS TO EXPAND INVESTMENTS IN SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES.

ON MONDAY, MR. MOOSE SPOKE AT A LUNCHEON HELD FOR WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS.

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-- MO KNOWS MARTYRS

MOBUTU DELAYED HIS ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS UNTIL THE JANUARY 4 "DAY OF THE MARTYRS" HOLIDAY. LE GUIDE SEEMINGLY OBLIVIOUS TO THE FACT THAT HE HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF ZAIRE FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES, RAILED BITTERLY AGAINST THE DISASTROUS SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY, THE "ENDLESS TRANSITION TO THE THIRD REPUBLIC," AND DESCRIBED HIS PEOPLE AS "DISORIENTED" AND "WITHOUT LEADERSHIP." HE WENT ON TO CALL UPON THE POLITICAL CLASS TO RESUME

NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TRANSITION. AND TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BY JANUARY 12. FAILING THIS, MOBUTU SAID HE WOULD ASSUME HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESOLVE THE SITUATION UNILATERALLY. HE LEFT UNSTATED WHAT THIS ACTION COULD ENTAIL. MOBUTU ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT MUNICIPAL, LEGISLATIVE, AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1994. THE OPPOSITION HOLY UNION INCLUDING APPARENTLY TSHISEKEDI'S PART, REACTED BY AUTHORIZING ITS DELEGATION TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS. NO ONE IS SANGUINE THAT AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED BY THE DEADLINE, NOR THAT TSHISEKEDI WILL EMERGE AS PM IN A COALITION GOVERNMENT.

BURUNDI

-- PREZ CHOSEN?; OAU COMING (?); TUTSIS STRIKE:  
FRODEBU HAS APPARENTLY SELECTED AGRICULTURE MINISTER NTARYMIRA AS ITS LIKELY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. THE MAINSTREAM TUTSI OPPOSITION SEEMS TO HAVE ACCEPTED  
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NTARYMIRA, IF THEY GET SOME QUID PRO QUO (CABINET SEATS?). THORNY CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES STILL NEED TO BE RESOLVED. AND THE EXTREMIST TUTSIS ARE NOT AT ALL HAPPY ABOUT THE IDEA. SALIM SALIM SAID THE OAU PROTECTIVE FORCE SHOULD ARRIVE AROUND JAN. 12, BUT HE MAY DELAY DEPLOYMENT IF THE GRB IS NOT IN CONTROL OR THE MILITARY WILL BE HOSTILE. WE ARE WORKING WITH IO TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF OUR DOLLARS 250,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE OAU EFFORT. MEANWHILE, HARDLINE TUTSIS STAGED A GENERAL STRIKE ON JAN. 6, BLOCKING ROADS AND PROTESTING THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE OAU

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FORCE, THE SUPPOSEDLY PLANNED GENOCIDE OF THE TUTSIS. AND THE SELECTION OF NTARYMIRA.

RWANDA

-- NEW GOVT ON HOLD AS PARTIES MANEUVER:  
THE DEC. 31 TARGET FOR FORMATION OF THE NEW TRANSITION GOVERNMENT (WITH RPF REPRESENTATION) CAME AND WENT. AND AS OF JAN. 6, THE GOVERNMENT STILL HAD NOT FORMED. CONTINUING SPLITS WITHIN TWO MAIN COALITION PARTIES HAVE RESULTED IN COMPETING MINISTERIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY LISTS. AND MARATHON MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR.S WEEKEND AND INTO THE WEEK FAILED TO BREAK THE IMPASSE. THE EMBASSY AND THE REST OF THE DIP CORPS DEMARCHED ALL SIDES, BUT HABYARIMANA, THE RPF, AND OTHER MAJOR PARTY LEADERS DUG IN THEIR HEELS AND CONTINUED THEIR GAME OF BRINKSMANSHIP (A SKILL THE RWANDANS HONED DURING THE YEAR-LONG ON-AGAIN-OFF-AGAIN ARUSHA NEGOTIATIONS). MAYBE NEXT WEEK ....

GABON

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-- CAN WE TALK?:  
AMBASSADOR BOUNDOUKOU-LATHA IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH AF/C OFFICE DIRECTOR RENDER NEXT WEEK. AMB. RENDER PLANS TO DISCUSS MEDIA ACCESS AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WITH HIM. SHE WILL ALSO EMPHASIZE U.S. EXPECTATIONS THAT THE GOG WILL FOLLOW DUE PROCESS IN ANY JUDICIAL DETERMINATION OF APPEALS OF THE ELECTION BY THE OPPOSITION. OPPOSITION CANDIDATES HAVE REPORTEDLY FILED PROTESTS OF THE ELECTION RESULTS WITH GABON'S CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AND ARE NOW AFRAID OF ARREST SHOULD THE PETITION(S) BE DENIED. THE GOG POSTPONED GABON'S MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 26 .93. TO MARCH 27 '94 TO ENSURE ENOUGH TIME FOR ADEQUATE PREPARATION.

CONGO

-- STUCK INSIDE OF MOBILE WITH THE MEMPHIS BLUES AGAIN:  
EMBASSY DEMARCHED GOTC REGARDING CONGO DEBT BUT IN THE MIDST OF THE UNREST AND AMBASSADOR BOUSSOUKOU-BOUMBA.S CONTINUED STAY IN CONGO, WE DO NOT EXPECT SWIFT ACTION. THE UNSTABLE SITUATION IN BRAZZAVILLE HAS PROMPTED DOD TO ASK THAT THE JCET MISSION SCHEDULED FOR THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR BE POSTPONED UNTIL JULY AND AUGUST. USDA IS PROPOSING DOLS 3 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL TITLE I FUNDS FROM

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THE RESERVE FOR FY94. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE, CONGO MUST PAY ALL OUTSTANDING ARREARAGES. MEANWHILE, IN CONGO. A DELEGATION OF OPPOSITION LEADERS IS TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WITH LARI VILLAGERS WHO HAVE CUT THE RAIL LINK BETWEEN THE CAPITAL AND POINTE NOIRE. THE RAIL CUT HAS CAUSED FUEL AND FOOD SHORTAGES IN THE CAPITAL AND ANGERED THE GOTC,  
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WHICH THREATENS MILITARY INTERVENTION IF SERVICE IS NOT RESTORED.

CAMEROON

-- MAKING NEW YEAR.S RESOLUTIONS?  
IN A GESTURE AS PLEASING AS IT WAS SURPRISING, PRESIDENT BIYA PHONED AMBASSADOR ISOM CHRISTMAS EVE TO EXTEND SEASON'S GREETINGS AND TO ASSURE HER THAT HE WANTS TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS IN 1994. HIS DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR CARRIED THE SAME MESSAGE TO AF/C DEC. 28; WE ASSURED HIM THAT WE SHARE THE SAME DESIRE BUT NEED TO SEE SOME DEEDS TO MATCH THE GRC'S FINE WORDS. BIYA.S NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION PROMISED MOVEMENT ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND SCHEDULING OF MUNICIPAL

ELECTIONS BUT OFFERED NO DETAILS; HE THEN CANCELLED HIS "STATE OF THE UNION" ADDRESS SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 7 WHICH MIGHT HAVE GIVEN SOME SPECIFICS. (SEE NIGERIA ITEM FOR INFORMATION ON BORDER DUST-UP.)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

-- PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT, HE HOPED:  
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY A YEAR. PRESIDENT OBIANG GAVE AMBASSADOR BENNETT AN AUDIENCE JAN. 4. IT TURNS OUT THAT HE IS THINKING OF VISITING THE U.S. TO PROMOTE PETROLEUM INVESTMENT IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE PRESIDENT CLINTON (SIC;) WHILE HE.S HERE. AMB. BENNETT WAS NON-COMMITTAL BUT USED THE OPENING TO REMIND OBIANG THAT THE GREG WOULD HAVE MORE CREDIBILITY, BOTH AT HOME  
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AND ABROAD. IF IT IMPROVED ITS RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIZATION. WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC OBIANG GOT THE MESSAGE, BUT IF HE DOES COME (OR, MORE LIKELY, SENDS HIS PRIME MINISTER), WE WILL REINFORCE IT.

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-- TOUGH CHOICES AHEAD:

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ANTI-FRENCH SENTIMENT IN CHAD. WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE  
IMPELLED THE GOF TO PAY A MONTH'S SALARY TO THE CHADIAN  
MILITARY EVEN THOUGH DEMOBILIZATION IS NOT RUNNING  
SMOOTHLY. AS ELECTIONS APPROACH AMID SECURITY CONCERNS.  
BOTH WE AND THE FRENCH FACE SOME TOUGH CHOICES.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

-- CARG WORKS TO CLEAN HOUSE:

PRESIDENT PATASSE'S ADMINISTRATION IS FOCUSING ON ABUSES  
COMMITTED BY EX-PRESIDENT KOLINGBA'S KLEPTOCRACY. IN  
ADDITION TO HAVING AN AUDIT COMMISSION GO OVER THE BOOKS.  
THE CARG HAS ARRESTED A FORMER PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR FOR  
MALFEASANCE AND REPLACED SEVERAL CORRUPT PARASTATAL  
DIRECTORS. WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE CARG TO RESPECT  
JUDICIAL PROCEDURES AS IT TACKLES THIS SENSITIVE PROBLEM.  
ON A RELATED NOTE, PRIME MINISTER MANDABA TOLD AMBASSADOR  
GRIBBIN DEC. 23 THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS MAKING SOME HEADWAY  
ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORM, BUT NEEDS THE

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COOPERATION OF DONORS. AMB. GRIBBIN ASSURED HIM THAT WE

ARE SYMPATHETIC AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO  
HELP.

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SUDAN

-- TURABI CONFIRMS THAT DRY-SEASON OFFENSIVE IS IMMINENT:  
NATIONAL ISLAMIC FRONT LEADER HASSAN TURABI TOLD EMBASSY  
KHARTOUM THAT, WITH THE ONSET OF THE DRY SEASON, THE  
RESUMPTION OF LARGE-SCALE FIGHTING IN THE SOUTH WAS  
IMMINENT. HE INDICATED THAT A MAIN GOAL OF THE NEW  
GOVERNMENT OFFENSIVE WAS TO PUSH THE SPLA INTO UGANDA.  
EMBASSY KHARTOUM REPORTED THAT THERE WERE GROWING SIGNS IN  
KHARTOUM AND ELSEWHERE THAT THE GOS WAS MOVING LARGE  
NUMBERS OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT TO THE SOUTH IN ANTICIPATION  
OF A NEW DRY-SEASON OFFENSIVE.

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-- CONFERENCE ON PEACE IN SUDAN STARTED IN NAIROBI

JANUARY 4.

A CONFERENCE ON PEACE EFFORTS FOR SUDAN WAS SCHEDULED TO START IN NAIROBI ON JANUARY 4. FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE IGADD COMMITTEE (ERITREA, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, AND UGANDA) WERE TO ATTEND. MEETINGS WERE TO BE SCHEDULED WITH THE SPLA FACTION LEADERS, AND A DELEGATION FROM THE KHARTOUM GOVERNMENT WAS EXPECTED AT THE CONFERENCE.

ETHIOPIA

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-- GOVERNMENT ATTACKS VOA AMHARIC:

THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA (TGE) HAS OFFICIALLY STATED ITS BELIEF THAT TAFESSE KIFLE, THE STRINGER IN ADDIS ABABA FOR VOICE OF AMERICA'S AMHARIC BROADCAST, ENGAGED IN IMPROPER ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED "PEACE AND RECONCILIATION CONFERENCE." THE TGE CHARGED THAT KIFLE ORCHESTRATED HIS COVERAGE OF THE CONFERENCE WITH THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS. THAT HE PARTICIPATED IN THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. AND THAT HE PRODUCED COVERAGE WHICH WAS "TOTALLY BIASED IN FAVOR OF THE OPPOSITIONISTS." BASED ON THIS POSITION, THE TGE HAS TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT KIFLE WILL HAVE TO SEVER HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH VOA AMHARIC (IF HE IS OF ETHIOPIAN NATIONALITY) OR WILL HAVE TO LEAVE ETHIOPIA (IF HE IS OF ANOTHER NATIONALITY. INCLUDING AMERICAN). WE HAVE ASKED THE TGE FOR TIME TO SORT OUT THE SITUATION. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION ON USIA'S PART, HOWEVER, DOES NOT SUGGEST KIFLE DID ANYTHING IMPROPER.

-- TWO CONFERENCE ARRESTEES GET OUT OF JAIL FREE:

OROMO LIBERATION FRONT (OLF) FIGURES LENCHO LATTA AND IBSA GUTEMA, ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE "PEACE AND RECONCILIATION CONFERENCE," ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT THIS WEEK FORSWEARING ADVOCACY OF VIOLENCE AS A POLITICAL TACTIC IN ETHIOPIA. THIS ACTION FULFILLED A LONGSTANDING TGE COMMITMENT TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT FORSWEAR VIOLENCE TO FUNCTION FREELY IN ETHIOPIA; AND AS A RESULT, IBSA AND LENCHO WERE RELEASED AND CHARGES AGAINST THEM WERE DROPPED. IT APPEARS THE SAME OPTION WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE REMAINING FIVE DETAINEES (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANY WHO MIGHT BE HELD AS SUSPECT IN ADDITION

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FOR CRIMES COMMITTED UNDER MENGISTU).

ERITREA

-- ISAIAS BLASTS SUDANESE GOVERNMENT FOR SUPPORTING  
ATTACKS:  
ERITREAN PRESIDENT ISAIAS AFWERKI PUBLICLY ATTACKED THE  
GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN FOR SUPPORTING THE "ERITREAN ISLAMIC  
JIHAD." AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS MADE SEVERAL INCURSIONS  
INTO ERITREA FROM SUDAN. (ONE SUCH EFFORT ENDED DEC. 16  
IN THE KILLING OF SEVERAL JIHAD MEMBERS. INCLUDING SOME  
NON-ERITREANS. BY ERITREAN MILITARY FORCES.) IN A MEETING  
WITH THE ASMARA DIPLOMATIC CORPS ISAIAS EXPRESSED  
PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR ERITREAN REFUGEES IN SUDAN, WHO ARE  
BEING FORCIBLY ENROLLED IN THE EIJ OR THE SUDANESE POPULAR  
DEFENSE FORCE (PDF). ISAIAS STATED THAT THE ERITREAN  
GOVERNMENT COULD MANAGE ANY THREAT POSED BY THE EIJ BUT  
THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
THE REFUGEES.

SOMALIA

-- ALI MAHDI CONTINUES WITH PLANS TO ESTABLISH A TNC:  
G-12 LEADER ALI MAHDI TOLD USLO THAT HE STILL INTENDS TO  
ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF A TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL COUNCIL  
IN MID-JANUARY. GENERAL AIDEED REMAINS ADAMANT IN HIS  
OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSED MOVE. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED USLO  
TO URGE MAHDI TO BACK OFF FROM THIS PROVOCATIVE ACTION AND  
TO INFORM HIM THAT NEITHER THE USG NOR THE UN INTENDS TO  
WORK WITH ANY NARROWLY-BASED GROUP.

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-- AIDEED GOES TO KENYA:  
GENERAL AIDEED ENDED HIS ADDIS SOJOURN WITH A TRIP TO  
KENYA, WHERE HE MET WITH MOI AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM

SEVERAL FACTIONS NOMINALLY ALLIED WITH ALI MAHDI. THE  
INTER-FACTIONAL TALKS APPEAR AIMED AT UNCOUPLING ALI  
MAHDI'S SUPPORTERS AND PERHAPS AT ORGANIZING A RIVAL TNC.  
IN PARALLEL WITH A DEMARCHE TO ALI MAHDI. AMBASSADOR  
BOGOSIAN MADE SIMILAR POINTS TO AIDEED DURING A JANUARY 6  
MEETING IN NAIROBI.

KENYA

-- DEMOCRACY MARCHES BACKWARDS AS COASTAL KENYANS VOTE:  
A DECEMBER 22 PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION NEAR MOMBASA

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[REDACTED] FOLLOWING AN INTENSELY UGLY CAMPAIGN CHARACTERIZED (MOSTLY ON THE PART OF THE RULING PARTY CANDIDATE) BY ETHNIC BAITING. VIOLENCE. BLATANT RIGGING. AND VOTER INTIMIDATION, THE OPPOSITION FORD-KENYA CANDIDATE MANAGED SOMEHOW TO CARRY THE DAY. BUT NOT BEFORE THE LOSING CANDIDATE HEAVED A FEW BALLOT BOXES AT PEOPLE IN THE COUNTING HALL AND (ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS) BASHED HIS CAR INTO PEOPLE AS AN EXPRESSION OF HIS RAGE. KANU HAS SQUANDERED A CHANCE TO SHOW ITS "COMMITMENT" TO POLITICAL PLURALISM, AND EMBASSY NAIROBI INTENDS TO URGE THE GOK TO INVESTIGATE THE ABUSES WHICH CHARACTERIZED THIS ELECTION FROM START TO FINISH.

DJIBOUTI

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-- REBEL AMBUSH GREETES THE NEW YEAR:

REBELS OF THE FRUD AMBUSHED GOVERNMENT FORCES ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, WITH AN UNCONFIRMED NUMBER OF CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS SUBSEQUENTLY KILLED CIVILIANS IN RETALIATION FOR THE REBEL RAID. THE EVENTS DEMONSTRATE THAT. DESPITE THE RECENT RELEASE OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL PRISONERS. PEACE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FRUD REMAINS A DISTANT PROSPECT.

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--IDA SUSPENSIONS LIFTED:

DJIBOUTI'S TEMPORARY SUSPENSION FROM WITHDRAWING IDA CREDITS WAS LIFTED ON DECEMBER 16. BURKINA FASO'S DECEMBER 2 SUSPENSION WAS LIFTED ON DECEMBER 29.

--WORLD BANK DEBT TABLES:

THE BANK RELEASED ITS 1993-94 DEBT TABLES REPORT, A TWO VOLUME STATISTICAL PUBLICATION ON FINANCIAL FLOWS AND TRENDS IN EXTERNAL DEBT OF 131 COUNTRIES. HERE ARE THE

HIGHLIGHTS FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA CONTINUES TO RELY HEAVILY ON OFFICIAL FINANCE (DOLLARS 18.1 BILLION PROJECTED IN 1993) MAINLY GRANTS. IN 1993. FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI) IS PROJECTED AT DOLLARS 1.8 BILLION FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, ABOUT 3.2 PERCENT OF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT PROJECTED TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (DOLLARS 56.3 BILLION). WHILE THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT SURGE IN FDI FLOWS TO CHINA AND MEXICO AND TO COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION IN EASTERN EUROPE, FLOWS TO

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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA ARE STAGNANT. THE REPORT ALSO NOTES  
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THAT BECAUSE OF GENERALLY POOR ECONOMIC PROSPECTS,  
DEPRESSED COMMODITY PRICES, AND UNDERDEVELOPED LOCAL  
CAPITAL MARKETS. EQUITY FLOWS ARE STILL NEGLIGIBLE IN  
AFRICA.

ON THE DEBT SITUATION, THE REPORT SHOWED THAT AT THE END  
OF 1992 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA OWED DOLLARS 194 BILLION TO  
OTHER COUNTRIES -- 58 PERCENT WAS OFFICIAL (OF THAT. 37  
PERCENT WAS TO MULTILATERALS. WHICH CANNOT BE RESCHEDULED  
AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE OTHER DEBTS). BY THE END OF 1993,  
THE TOTAL IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE TO DOLLARS 199 BILLION,  
A GROWTH OF 2.5 PERCENT. (IN 1980 AFRICA'S TOTAL DEBT WAS  
DOLLARS 84 BILLION, ONE THIRD OF THE LEVEL IT IS TODAY).  
LASTLY, THE REPORT HIGHLIGHTED SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA SHARE OF  
1992 TOTAL DEBT OF ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS BEING 12  
PERCENT. AVERAGE DEBT SERVICE AS A PERCENT OF GNP WAS 69  
PERCENT IN 1992. THE DEBT-SERVICE-TO-EXPORTS RATIO  
AVERAGED 16 PERCENT AT THE END OF 1992, WHICH IS LOWER  
THAN ANY OTHER REGION. DOLLARS 5.2 BILLION OF DEBT OWED  
BY SUB-SAHARAN COUNTRIES WAS RESCHEDULED IN 1992.

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-- BY JANUARY 25. AF/EX BUDGET WILL ISSUE A SEPARATE  
TELEGRAM TO EACH POST THAT PROVIDES A SNAPSHOT OF  
ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO THE FIELD BUDGET PLAN SUBMITTED IN  
NOVEMBER 1993. SEVERAL KEY INDICATORS SUCH AS DEFERRED  
WAGE/PRICE AND PROPOSED PLANNING LEVELS WILL REFLECT OUR  
BEST JUDGMENT OF RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS FOR FY-94 BASED  
UPON FUNDS RECEIVED FROM FMP.

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-- DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS FUND SMALL PROJECT ALLOTMENT

MEETING:

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ON JANUARY 4, THE DHRF COMMITTEE SET SMALL PROJECT ALLOTMENT LEVELS FOR AF POSTS. AWARD NOTICE CABLES ARE IN CLEARANCE, WITH FISCAL DATA TO FOLLOW. PER THE NEW FY 94 PROCEDURES, APPROVAL OF INDIVIDUAL SMALL PROJECTS HAS BEEN DELEGATED TO THE FIELD. AWARD NOTICES WILL PROVIDE GENERAL GUIDANCE ON A FEW PROJECTS MENTIONED IN POSTS FY 94 SUBMISSIONS THAT FAIL TO FIT DHRF GUIDELINES.

THE FY 94 BUDGET IS USD 3 MILLION' AND POSTS REQUESTED USD 3,319,450 FOR SMALL PROJECTS ALONE. FOR THIS REASON NOT EVERY POST RECEIVED THE ENTIRE AMOUNT REQUESTED. HOWEVER. POSTS GENERALLY RECEIVED AT LEAST AS MUCH AS THEY HAD FOR SMALL PROJECTS IN FY 93. AND MOST WERE GIVEN AN INCREASE. USD 2.555.000 OF THE USD 3 MILLION BUDGET WAS ALLOCATED FOR SMALL PROJECTS. THE COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED USD 1,059,912 IN LARGE PROJECT PROPOSALS, AND THE MOST OUTSTANDING LARGE PROJECTS WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE REMAINING USD 445.000. THE LARGE PROJECT APPROVAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 11.

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SOUTH AFRICA

-- IFP LEADERSHIP TO MEET, DISCUSS ELECTION PARTICIPATION: THE IFP CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) IS SCHEDULED TO MEET JANUARY 7 IN WHAT IS BEING BILLED AS A CRITICAL MEETING. THE CC WILL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO RECOMMEND TO A SPECIAL CONGRESS OF THE IFP THAT THE PARTY PARTICIPATE IN THE APRIL 27 ELECTIONS. OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT A DECISION TO BOYCOTT WILL LIKELY SPELL THE DEATH KNEEL OF THE IFP AS PRESENTLY KNOWN. AND THAT BUTHELEZI'S POLITICAL FORTUNES WILL DROP SIGNIFICANTLY. WHILE THE CC WILL DECIDE ON JANUARY 7. IT IS UNLIKELY TO ANNOUNCE ITS DECISION BEFORE THE FREEDOM ALLIANCE MEETS NEXT WEEK.

-- UNSYG TO RECEIVE REPORT CONCERNING UN ELECTION OBSERVERS:

LAHKDAR BRAHIMI, THE UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SOUTH AFRICA, WILL MEET WITH THE UNSYG ON JANUARY 7 TO PRESENT TO THE UNSYG HIS REPORT ON UN PREPARATIONS FOR THE APRIL 27 ELECTIONS. BRAHIMI IS EXPECTED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE UN PROVIDE UP TO 2000 ELECTION OBSERVERS; 200 TO 300 WOULD GO OUT LATER THIS MONTH TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS. WITH THE BALANCE ARRIVING SHORTLY BEFORE THE VOTE. BRAHIMI'S REPORT WILL BE THE IMPETUS FOR THE UN TO MOVE ON

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AUTHORIZING AND FINANCING THE EFFORT. HE MAY ALSO SUGGEST A TRUST FUND.

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-- (LOU) PEACE TALKS RESUME: IN LUSAKA, BOTH SIDES RETURNED TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AFTER A HOLIDAY BREAK. THE TALKS ARE STILL FOCUSED ON THE POLICE.

-- (C) CODEL PLANS CHANGE DUE TO MORTAR ATTACK: IN ANGOLA, CODEL JOHNSTON WAS FORCED TO ABORT ITS PLANNED JANUARY 5 VISIT TO THE INTERIOR CITY OF MALANJE AFTER THE AIRPORT CAME UNDER MORTAR ATTACK, APPARENTLY FROM UNITA. THE CODEL PLANE WAS APPROACHING THE AIRPORT WHEN THE ATTACK OCCURRED; NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE CODEL WILL MEET WITH THE UNITA DELEGATION TO THE LUSAKA TALKS ON JANUARY 9 AT VICTORIA FALLS.

-- (C) CHEVRON FACILITY ATTACKED: IN ANOTHER DISTURBING INCIDENT, A MORTAR WAS FIRED AT A CHEVRON FACILITY IN CABINDA ON JANUARY 1. ONE FOREIGN NATIONAL WAS KILLED. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK MOST LIKELY RESTS WITH ONE OF THE FACTIONS OF FLEC (THE LIBERATION FRONT FOR THE ENCLAVE OF CABINDA). ALTHOUGH THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THAT UNITA IS RESPONSIBLE.

BOTSWANA

-- (LOU) GOB FOCUSES ON HANDLING OF ILLEGAL ALIENS: AS THE RESULT OF A VISIT TO THE US AND A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ATTRACTIVE TO ILLEGAL ALIENS. THE GOB IS COMMITTED TO ENDING THE PRACTICE OF PREEMPTIVELY JAILING ILLEGAL ALIENS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS AND CONSTRUCTING A DETENTION CENTER FOR THEM.

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-- FOCUS REMAINS ON DEMOBILIZATION: AT YEAR'S END ONUMOZ REPORTED CHECK-IN BY A TOTAL OF 7949 OF 44246 GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS (19 PERCENT) AND 3764 OF 11590 RENAMO SOLDIERS (36 PERCENT) EARMARKED FOR

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DEMOBILIZATION AT THE 35 ASSEMBLY AREAS WHICH ARE NOW OPEN. THE PROCESS OF COLLECTING WEAPONS AND REGISTERING ARRIVALS APPEARS TO BE WORKING WELL, BUT RENAMO HAS COMPLAINED ABOUT POOR FACILITIES AND INADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLIES. AMONG DONORS. THERE IS CONCERN OVER THE FAILURE OF BOTH THE GRM AND RENAMO TO DISPATCH ANY SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF TROOPS TO AA'S IN THE KEY CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN

PROVINCES. THE RATE OF ARRIVALS, WHICH SLOWED TO A TRICKLE IN LATE DECEMBER, HAS ALSO CAUSED THE DEMOBILIZATION PROCESS TO FALL BEHIND SCHEDULE: THE ROME ACCORD ENVISIONED COMPLETE CONCENTRATION OF FORCES AT ALL AA'S BY THE END OF THE FIRST MONTH OF TROOP ASSEMBLY.

### NAMIBIA

-- HERERO FACTION BREAKS WITH THE DTA:  
"PARAMOUNT CHIEF" KUAIMA RIRUAKO HAS PULLED HIS HERERO-DOMINATED NATIONAL UNITY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION (NUDU) OUT OF THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLIANCE (DTA), NAMIBIA'S MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTY, AND ANNOUNCED THAT NUDU WILL CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN FOR THE 1995 GENERAL ELECTIONS. THIS WAS NECESSARY. HE CLAIMED, BECAUSE THE DTA HAD "REPPRESSED," "IGNORED," AND "ABUSED" HEREROS AND THEIR INTERESTS. RIRUAKO'S MOVE OUT OF THE PARTY MAY PROVIDE DTA REFORMERS WITH THEIR LONG-AWAITED OPPORTUNITY  
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TO REVAMP THE PARTY.S IMAGE AND PROVIDE VIABLE OPPOSITION  
TO SWAPO.

### ZAMBIA

-- (C) MWAANGA RESIGNS:  
SUSTAINED DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE FROM THE U.S. AND OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES FOR THE GRZ TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF HIGH LEVEL INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFICKING IS PAYING OFF. FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA ONE OF SEVERAL ZAMBIAN MINISTERS WE BELIEVE TO BE INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION ON JANUARY 4. EMBASSY LUSAKA BELIEVES MWAANGA.S RESIGNATION IS THE BEGINNING OF A MAJOR CABINET SHAKEUP BY PRESIDENT CHILUBA.

### ZIMBABWE

-- (C) WHERE'S THE GENERAL:  
RUMORS NOTWITHSTANDING THE GOZ HAS NOT BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE A REPLACEMENT FOR GEN. MONTGOMERY, THE UNOSOM II

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DEFUTY COMMANDER. ALTHOUGH THE ZIMBABWEANS WOULD PROBABLY BE PLEASED TO HONOR THIS REQUEST AND WOULD PROVIDE A HIGHLY QUALIFIED OFFICER, THE GOZ WILL DEFER ANY DECISION UNTIL IT RECEIVES A FORMAL REQUEST.

-- (U) GOZ LIBERALIZES AND IMPROVES INVESTMENT CLIMATE: PRESSING AHEAD WITH ECONOMIC REFORM IN THE AFTERMATH OF DECEMBER'S SUCCESSFUL CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING. THE GOZ DEVALUED THE ZIMBABWE DOLLAR 17 PERCENT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AND REPLACED THE EXPORT RETENTION SCHEME (ERS) AND THE

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OPEN GENERAL IMPORT LICENSE (OGIL) SYSTEM WITH REGULATIONS PERMITTING BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS TO MAINTAIN FOREIGN CURRENCY ACCOUNTS TRADABLE AT A MARKET DETERMINED PREMIUM OVER THE OFFICIAL RATE. THE RATES SHOULD BE UNIFIED LATER THIS YEAR. THE GOZ ALSO DOUBLED THE PERCENTAGE OF PROFITS THAT PRE-INDEPENDENCE INVESTORS CAN REPATRIATE, INCREASING IT TO 50 PERCENT AND REMOVED RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF RETAINED EARNINGS. FULL REMITTABILITY APPEARS LIKELY IN 1995. SEPARATELY THE GOZ HIKEED TARIFFS ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND ANNOUNCED, BUT THEN SUSPENDED. HIGHER TARIFFS ON SOME OTHER ITEMS SO IT CAN DECREASE THEM IN LINE WITH GATT MANDATED REDUCTIONS.

-- (LOU) BUT MUGABE DOESN'T: HOWEVER. IN A VINTAGE DECEMBER 29 INTERVIEW, PRESIDENT MUGABE IMPLIED THAT HE REMAINED LEERY OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT; REAFFIRMED HIS DETERMINATION TO PRESS AHEAD WITH LAND REFORM AND INDIGENIZATION; DECLARED THAT IN SPITE OF STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT HE HAD NOT ABANDONED HIS COMMITMENT TO SOCIALISM AND GREATER ECONOMIC EQUITY FOR BLACK ZIMBABWEANS; AND SAID THAT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA, A "PUPPET OF THE AMERICANS," MIGHT TAKE A YEAR OR SO.

-- (U) MK AND APLA FIGHTERS ARRIVE FOR TRAINING: THE FIRST 328 UMKHONTO WE SIZWE AND 172 AZANIAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY FIGHTERS ARRIVED IN ZIMBABWE FOR FOUR-SIX MONTHS OF MILITARY TRAINING IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR EVENTUAL INTEGRATION INTO A UNIFIED SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY.

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BENIN:

-- OLIVE BRANCHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

IN AN UNEXPECTED SHOW OF POLITICAL GOODWILL. OPPOSITION LEADER ALBERT TEVOEDJRE INVITED PRESIDENT AND MRS. SOGLO TO HIS 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. THE PRESIDENT WISELY ACCEPTED THE INVITATION AND, FOR HIS TROUBLE, WON WIDE PRAISE. ARCHBISHOP DE SOUZA. PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL AND AN AVID SOGLO CRITIC. NOTED THE PRESIDENT'S PRESENCE IN REMARKS AT A CELEBRATORY MASS FOR THE TEVOEDJRES, POINTING TO ITS SIGNIFICANCE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE COOPERATION REQUIRED TO BUILD A STRONG DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. FOR HIS PART. THE EVENT GAVE SOGLO A MUCH NEEDED OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN THE CONCILIATORY STEPS NECESSARY TO REPAIR SOME OF THE DAMAGE DONE BY HIS SEPTEMBER CABINET RESHUFFLE WHICH

LED TO THE BREAKUP OF HIS PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY.

CAPE VERDE

-- SCANDAL-PLAGUED AMBASSADOR RESIGNS, WANTS POLITICAL ROLE:

EUGENIO INOCENCIO. CAPE VERDE'S AMBASSADOR TO LISBON ACCUSED OF MISUSE OF FUNDS, HAS SUBMITTED HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION, SAYING HE DOES NOT WANT TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM THE ISSUES FACING THE RULING MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRACY (MPD) PARTY BUT ALSO HINTING HE WANTS TO PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE AT THE FEBRUARY PARTY CONGRESS. THE RESIGNATION IS WELCOME NEWS TO PRIME MINISTER VEIGA, WHO MAY TRY TO

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PERSUADE INOCENCIO TO LIE LOW UNTIL THE CONGRESS IS OVER.

COTE D'IVOIRE

-- GOCI FINDS 30 BILLION CFA TO PAY SALARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS, PENSIONS - GIVES PUNCH TO NEW PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS:

THE GOCI ANNOUNCED IT WOULD BRING CURRENT MOST PUBLIC SECTOR SALARIES AND PENSIONS, STIPENDS FOR STUDENTS AND SOME ARREARS WITH ITS SMALL BUSINESS CREDITORS. THE PROMISED PAYMENTS WHICH WILL SET THE GOVERNMENT BACK CFA 30 BILLION LIKELY COME FROM END-OF-YEAR GOVERNMENT TAX RECEIPTS AND A SURGE IN COCOA EXPORTS. IN ANY CASE, THE ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH CAME JUST BEFORE PRESIDENT BEDIE'S FIRST NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO THE NATION, ADDED PUNCH TO HIS

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PROMISES OF A BRIGHTER NEW YEAR AND COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH THE IVORIAN PEOPLE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL. IT SHOULD ALSO EASE STRIKE PRESSURES WHICH ARE PRESENTLY BEING HELD IN CHECK ONLY OUT OF RESPECT FOR PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET.S MOURNING PERIOD.

### GHANA

-- RAWLINGS STUNG BY COURT DECISION:  
PRESIDENT RAWLINGS REACTED ANGRILY TO THE SUPREME COURT.S DECEMBER 29 RULING THAT THE GOG CANNOT CONSTITUTIONALLY OBSERVE DECEMBER 31--THE ANNIVERSARY OF RAWLINGS. OVERTHROW OF GHANA.S PREVIOUS ELECTED GOVERNMENT--AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. RAWLINGS SEES THE MAIN OPPOSITION PARTY.S SUIT AND THE COURT'S DECISION AS PERSONAL ATTACKS ON HIM AND A DENIAL OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HIS  
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"REVOLUTION." CONTINUED OPPOSITION VICTORIES IN THE SUPREME COURT, PARTICULARLY IF THE RAWLINGS-SPONSORED SERIOUS FRAUD OFFICE LAW IS OVERTURNED. COULD PUT THE EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIARY ON A COLLISION COURSE.

### LIBERIA

-- TANZANIAN PEACEKEEPERS DEPLOY; UGANDANS ON THE WAY:  
WITH THE EXPECTED ARRIVAL JANUARY 7 OF THE LAST GROUP OF TANZANIAN FORCES, THE TANZANIAN BATTALION WILL BECOME THE FIRST EXPANDED ECOMOG CONTINGENT TO COMPLETE DEPLOYMENT IN LIBERIA. THE FIRST GROUP OF UGANDAN FORCES WAS ALSO TO ARRIV JANUARY 7, WITH THE REMAINDER COMING IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. A HIGH-LEVEL ZIMBABWEAN MILITARY DELEGATION IS EXPECTED IN MONROVIA SHORTLY TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE ZIMBABWEAN BATTALION.

-- NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, WHAT DO WE DO/:  
THE NEW PEACEKEEPERS, WHOSE MISSION IS TO HELP CARRY OUT DISARMAMENT OF COMBATANTS, ARE WAITING FOR THE LIBERIAN FACTIONS TO OVERCOME THEIR CURRENT DISPUTE OVER WHEN AND HOW DISARMAMENT IS TO BEGIN. IGNU WANTS DISARMAMENT TO BEGIN BEFORE IT STEPS DOWN IN FAVOR OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE NPFL AND ULIMO WANT THE NEW GOVERNMENT SEATED FIRST. BEFORE DISARMAMENT COMMENCES. NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS TOPIC BROKE DOWN IN LATE DECEMBER.

-- ULIMO ON THE RAMPAGE IN LOFA:  
RENEGADE ULIMO FORCES IN UPPER LOFA COUNTY RAIDED AND LOOTED A REFUGEE CAMP IN VAHUN CHRISTMAS EVE. THE

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DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN UPPER LOFA. MARKED BY  
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INCIDENTS SUCH AS THIS AND FIGHTING BETWEEN ULIMO AND THE  
UPSTART "LOFA DEFENSE FORCE," HAS FORCED NGO'S TO EVACUATE  
THEIR PERSONNEL FROM THE AREA AND SHUT DOWN RELIEF EFFORTS.

NIGERIA

MAJOR HEROIN BUST: NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES ASSISTED BY  
DEA/LAGOS SEIZED 258 KG. OF HEROIN DURING LATE DECEMBER.  
THE LARGEST SUCH SEIZURE EVER IN AFRICA. THE NIGERIAN  
MILITARY REGIME MAY INTEND THIS ACTION TO DEMONSTRATE A  
GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO ENHANCE U.S.-NIGERIAN  
COUNTERNARCOTICS COOPERATION AS WE AGAIN PREPARE TO  
CONSIDER THE CERTIFICATION QUESTION.

CONFRONTATION WITH CAMEROON: NIGERIAN TROOPS ENTERED  
DISPUTED TERRITORY ON THE BAKASSI PENINSULA JANUARY 4,  
PROMPTING CAMEROON TO PROTEST THE "INVASION" TO NIGERIA.  
AMBASSADOR AND TO SEND A FORCE OF MARINES TO THE AREA.  
BORDER CLASHES IN THE PRESUMABLY MINERAL-RICH AREA. WHOSE  
POPULATION IS OVERWHELMINGLY NIGERIAN. HAVE TAKEN PLACE  
SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE PAST DECADE.

ABIOLA CALLING: CHIEF M.K.O. ABIOLA, APPARENT WINNER OF  
THE ANNULLED JUNE 12 ELECTION, WAS IN THE U.S. THIS WEEK  
TO SEEK FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRATIONS THAT  
CLEARLY NO LONGER ENJOY BROAD SUPPORT IN NIGERIA. ABIOLA  
SUPPORTERS TELL US HE MET WITH FORMER PRESIDENT FORD, AND  
WE UNDERSTAND A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH FORMER  
PRESIDENT CARTER TOOK PLACE. HE ALSO SPOKE ON THE PHONE  
WITH A/S MOOSE. FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH DECLINED TO MAKE  
CONTACT WITH ABIOLA.

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GUINEA

--GUINEA ELECTION RESULTS:

ON JANUARY 4, AS MOST POLITICAL OBSERVERS HAD EXPECTED,  
THE SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCED DEFINITIVE DECEMBER 19  
ELECTION RESULTS, GIVING LANSANA CONTE A FIRST ROUND  
VICTORY WITH 51.7 PERCENT OF THE VALID VOTES CAST. AS  
REQUESTED BY CONTE. THE COURT ANNULLED THE RESULTS OF TWO  
OPPOSITION STRONGHOLDS BUT REJECTED PETITIONS FROM

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OPPOSITION CANDIDATES TO ANNUL THE ELECTION AND HOLD A NEW ONE. SECURITY FORCES FIRED INTO THE AIR IN CONAKRY AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT; BUT THE CITY IS NOW CALM, AND ALL AMERICANS ARE REPORTED SAFE.

MAURITANIA

--TALK WITH NEW FOREIGN MINISTER:

THE AMBASSADOR'S COURTESY CALL ON NEW MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMED SALEM OULD LEKHAL PRODUCED NO SURPRISES BUT A FEW ITEMS OF INTEREST. THERE ARE NO GIRM ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE UN FOR REGISTERING SAHRAWI VOTERS FOR THE WESTERN SAHARA REFERENDUM BUT THE GIRM PLANS TO INTENSIFY BILATERAL MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETINGS WITH SENEGAL AND MALI TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH BORDER AND BILATERAL ISSUES. OULD LEKHAL'S APPARENT ACCESSIBILITY ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IS PROMISING.

--PRESIDENT TAYA'S PARIS VISIT: NO RAIN ON HIS PARADE: MAURITANIANS ARE PORTRAYING, WITH APPARENT REASON. PRESIDENT TAYA'S DECEMBER 13-16 PARIS VISIT AS AN

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UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS. THE PARIS SUCCESS WILL WORK TO TAYA'S ADVANTAGE IN JANUARY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. EMBELLISHING GIRM THEMES OF MAURITANIA'S SUCCESSES IN DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION, ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT AND REGAINING INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY. THE GIRM'S RECENT BLITZ OF LETTERS ABOUT MAURITANIA'S PROGRESS TO SENIOR USG OFFICIALS INDICATES THAT IMPROVED US/MAURITANIAN RELATIONS

REMAINS A TOP GIRM PRIORITY.

SENEGAL

--PS CONGRESS UNCERTAIN:

GRIPPED BY A SERIES OF INTRA-PARTY DISPUTES, THE DATE FOR RULING SOCIALIST PARTY'S (PS) ALL-IMPORTANT NATIONAL CONGRESS APPEARS TO BE SLIPPING. IT WAS ORIGINALLY SET FOR MID-DECEMBER, THEN POSTPONED TO "SOMETIME" IN EARLY JANUARY AND MAY NOW OCCUR IN THE SPRING. FOREIGN MINISTER NIASSE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT PRESIDENT DIOUF WILL LIKELY CONTINUE AS PS SECRETARY GENERAL UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT THE FATE OF THE INCREASINGLY UNPOPULAR PRIME MINISTER HABIB THIAM REMAINS CLOUDY.

--SENEGAL AND ISRAEL:

SENEGAL MAY BE INCHING CLOSER TO SOME LIMITED FORM OF

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RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL. ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, FOREIGN MINISTER NIASSE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD RECEIVED ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER PERES' PERSONAL EMISSARY A COUPLE OF WEEK AGO TO DISCUSS SOME FORM OF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION, BUT THE UNPUBLICIZED MEETING WAS INCONCLUSIVE. NIASSE STRESSED THAT ANY MOVEMENT ON

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RECOGNITION DEPENDED ON PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE GAZA-JERICHO AGREEMENT. THE CONCERN RAISED BY PLO CHAIRMAN ARAFAT DURING A MID-NOVEMBER, DAKAR VISIT.

TOGO

-- FIGHTING IN LOME AS GOVERNMENT REPELS ATTACK:  
SEVERAL SITES IN LOME, INCLUDING THE MAIN MILITARY CAMP, WERE ATTACKED BEGINNING EARLY EVENING. JANUARY 5, BY PRESUMED OPPONENTS OF THE EYADEMA REGIME. PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S OFFICIAL VEHICLE WAS ONE OF THE ATTACKERS' TARGETS THOUGH THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT IN THE VEHICLE AND WAS UNHARMED. THE GOVERNMENT SUCCESSFULLY REPELLED THE ATTACK AND CONTINUED TO PURSUE ATTACKERS OVER THE NEXT THIRTY SIX HOURS. MANY WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE ESCAPED ACROSS THE GHANA BORDER. WHERE THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THE ATTACK ORIGINATED WITH RESULTING HEAVY FIRING ALONG THE BORDER AND IN ITS SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS. BASED ON REPORTS THAT SOME ATTACKERS MAY HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN PRIVATE HOMES IN LOME, SECURITY FORCE PATROLS CONDUCTED HOUSE TO HOUSE SEARCHES THROUGHOUT JANUARY 6. CASUALTY FIGURES ARE STILL BEING GATHERED BUT GOVERNMENT SOURCES REPORTED THIRTY DEAD, INCLUDING TWENTY ATTACKERS AND SOME CIVILIANS. ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE SAFE.

-- ELECTIONS POSTPONED:  
IN A MOVE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT SAID HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE JANUARY 5 ATTACK, THE TOGOLESE ELECTORAL COMMISSION ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST ROUND OF LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS WOULD BE DELAYED FOR TWO WEEKS UNTIL FEBRUARY 6 TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR OFFICIALS TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL

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ARRANGEMENTS. THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD. SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JAN 7 WILL ALSO SLIP TWO WEEKS. MEANWHILE FRENCH AND BURKINABE MILITARY OBSERVERS ARRIVED TO PROVIDE PROMISED MONITORING OF THE ENCAMPMENT OF THE MILITARY DURING THE ELECTIONS. IT IS TOO EARLY TO KNOW WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY,

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THE JANUARY 5 ATTACK WILL HAVE ON THE PLANNING AND CONDUCT  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS.

12. (U) THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

NO REPORT THIS WEEK.

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JAN. 23: FIRST ROUND TOGO LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS.

JAN. 28: MAURITANIAN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

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MAR. 27: GUINEA-BISSAU PARLIAMENTARY AND PRESIDENTIAL  
ELECTIONS.

MAR. 28: UGANDA CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTION.

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APR. 27: SOUTH AFRICAN MULTIRACIAL ELECTIONS.

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MAY 17: MALAWI PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS  
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